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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 E.L.A. and O.L.C.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-1524-RAJ

**DECLARATION OF SYDNEY  
MALTESE IN SUPPORT OF  
OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO  
TRANSFER VENUE AND PARTIAL  
MOTION TO DISMISS**

14 I, Sydney Maltese, declare as follows:

15 1. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs E.L.A. and O.L.C.'s opposition to  
16 Defendant's motion to transfer venue and partial motion to dismiss. I am over the age of 18, have  
17 personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and, if called as a witness, I could and would  
18 testify competently as set forth below.

19 2. I am a paralegal with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, counsel of record  
20 for Plaintiffs.



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2 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

3 I hereby certify that on February 8, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the  
4 Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to those  
5 attorneys of record registered on the CM/ECF system.

6 DATED this 8th day of February, 2021.

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